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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re U.S. Patent Application of)
ROKUTAN et al.)
Application Number: 10/083,550)
Filed: February 27, 2002)
For: METHOD FOR EVALUATING DNA PROBES)
POSITION ON SUBSTRATE)
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. ASAM.0051)

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C.**

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	10	10	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	3	3	(Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				x ½	
			TOTAL	0.00	

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

- [x] Response to Office Action
(with Claim Amendments)
[] Preliminary Amendment
[] Substitute Specification
[] Other _____

- [] Petition for Extension of Time (months)
[] Terminal Disclaimer
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[] Assignment
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004 and an phone interview with the Examiner on January 23, 2004, the shortened period of response to which is set to expire on February 16, 2003. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Species 1 (an oligonucleotide array that does not specify whether multiple subblocks are required): Claims 1-4 and 6-10, and "stress tolerance or survival related genes" without traverse.